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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CANADA

FOLLOWING ARE CONTINGENCY PRESS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PREPARED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S JANUARY TRIP TO OTTAWA. ANNOUNCEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE 11:30 A.M. DECEMBER 2.

BEGIN:

UESTION: WHAT WILL THE VICE PRESIDENT DO IN CANADA?

ANSWER: DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE OF THE VISIT ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. THE PROGRAM WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I CAN SAY THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT OTTAWA AND EDMONTON. IN OTTAWA
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HE WILL, OF COURSE, CALL ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET. IN EDMONTON, THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH PREMIER LOUGHEED.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES THE VICE PRESIDENT EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH OF SUBSTANCE DURING HIS VISIT?

ANSWER: CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE AN EXCEPTIONALLY EXTENSIVE RELATIONSHIP. WE INTERACT BILATERALLY IN EVERY IMPORTANT AREA -- ECONOMICALLY, ENVIRONMENTALLY, POLITICALLY, AND IN OUR SECURITY RELATIONS. AND WE HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN A NUMBER OF KEY INTERNATIONAL AREAS SUCH AS NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, TRADE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL IN CONDUCTING SUCH AN ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES MEET TOGETHER PERIODICALLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN IN ORDER TO ENSURE OUR UNDERSTANDINGS ARE COMPLETE AND TO ADVANCE ISSUES WHERE THIS IS POSSIBLE. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT IS IN THIS CONTEXT. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO A FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES WITH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET IN OTTAWA. HE ALSO WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST WITH PREMIER LOUGHEED OF ALBERTA. VANCE

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